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POLO MAN SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Polo, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for manufacturing methamphetamine.

Kenneth L. Richey, 51, of Polo, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On April 18, 2005, **Richey** pleaded guilty to manufacturing methamphetamine. **Richey** admitted that he purchased cold pills from Wal-Mart and manufactured methamphetamine at his residence on Feb. 5, 2004. Law enforcement officers found 259.23 grams of liquids containing methamphetamine and 20.57 grams of powder methamphetamine while serving a search warrant at his residence.

Richey was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 10, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the North Central Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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